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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether subsidy provided to farming sector in the country is far less and inadequate as compared to many developing countries;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): In India and in other developing countries subsidies to the farming sector are given for modernization of agriculture and to increase the production and productivity of agriculture. To ensure higher production and productivity of agriculture, the Government of India has adopted a multi pronged strategy. This include launching of the scheme of Macro Management in Agriculture, Micro Irrigation, National Horticulture Mission, Balanced use of Fertilizers , Development of Marketing Infrastructure etc. Initiatives have also been taken by launching National Food Security Mission (NFSM) to increase production of rice, wheat and pulses and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with an objective to incentivise the States to increase public investment in agriculture & allied sectors. No survey regarding subsidy being provided to the farming sector in developing countries has been conducted.